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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  Chen et al.  Serial No.: Not yet assigned  Filed: Herewith  For: <i>IL-17 Homologous Polypeptides and Therapeutic Uses Thereof</i>	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  Examiner: Not yet assigned  <b>EXPRESS MAIL NO.: EL 599 584 754 US FILED ON: May 10, 2001.</b>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION  
 Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

~~Please cancel Claims 1-42, without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

~~Please add the following claims:~~

--43. (New) An isolated polypeptide having at least 80% amino acid sequence identity to a polypeptide

selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 180 of SEQ ID NO:1,
- (b) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 21 to 180 of SEQ ID NO:1,
- (c) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3, and
- (d) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 19 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3.

44. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 43 which comprises a polypeptide consisting of amino